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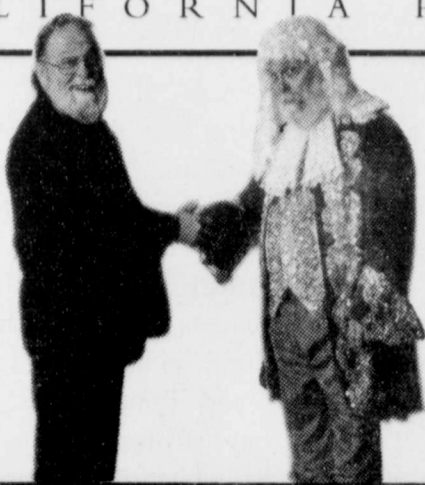
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Provost search down to three

Final candidates for the provost position all bring unique aspects to the table

Elizabeth Engelman
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Cal Poly's search for a new provost is coming to an end.

The final three candidates will be on campus over the next few weeks to participate in open forums.

While all three potential provosts, James Applegate, William Durgin and Janice Schach, have the qualifications for the job, they each have different goals and ideas to bring to the cam-



Janice Schach

pus community.

Applegate is currently on the Council for Postsecondary Education in Frankfort, KY. The Council oversees eight public, four-year universities and also the community and technical college system. Applegate graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in speech communications from Georgetown. He went on to receive his Ph.D. in communications from the University of Illinois in 1978.

Through his work on the Council, he has increased endowments by more than \$500 million to expand research. In his free time, he enjoys playing

piano, tennis and reading mystery novels.

Applegate said that a public agenda must be a key part of an institution.

"Creating better lives for people through teaching, research and partnership is the steady purpose that defines the soul of the institution and drives its intellectual work," Applegate said in a statement.

Durgin is the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Research at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He received his PhD in



William Durgin

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California still leads the nation in smog

The American Lung Association reported that air pollution dropped for many counties nationwide in recent years. California remains the nation's ozone capital.

Average number of days with unhealthy ozone levels

COUNTY	DAYS	Ventura, Calif.	24.3
San Bernardino, Calif.	118.2	Fairfield, Conn.	24.3
Kern, Calif.	108.7	Camden, N.J.	24.0
Fresno, Calif.	105.8	Ocean, N.J.	23.0
Riverside, Calif.	97.2	Harford, Md.	22.2
Tulare, Calif.	90.0	Rowan, N.C.	21.8
Los Angeles	71.5	Anne Arundel, Md.	21.3
Merced, Calif.	48.0	Mariposa, Calif.	20.7
Harris, Texas	39.8	Placer, Calif.	20.7
El Dorado, Calif.	37.8	Kings, Calif.	20.3
Sacramento, Calif.	29.2	Geauga, Ohio	20.2
Tarrant, Texas	28.8	Chester, Pa.	19.3
Nevada, Calif.	25.0	Sevier, Tenn.	19.2

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State set to adopt nation's toughest pollution standards

Supporters of the new guidelines say Californians will save millions lost each year to medical costs and low productivity

Gillian Flaccus
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The state Air Resources Board was poised Thursday to adopt a new limit on ozone levels that would give California the toughest pollution guidelines in the nation, a standard that critics argue would be largely symbolic.

Supporters estimate that, if fully effective, the new guideline could save Californians millions lost each year to medical costs and low productivity linked to smog-induced illness.

They insist that while it may take years for the state to meet the new standard, its existence will force air quality districts to implement strategies to reduce pollution in the long-term.

The majority of the state currently fails the less stringent federal standard. At the same time, California has no authority to impose sanctions for violations of its rules.

Bonnie Holmes-Gen, spokeswoman for the American Lung Association of California, said the new standard for ozone is based on the latest research available. New evidence shows pollution can cause a host of illnesses, heart and lung disease, asthma, premature death, and can exacerbate the symptoms of diabetes.

"It's important for the public to know that lung damage is occurring even at the current standards," Holmes-Gen said. "It does drive local decisions at the air district level. This tells the air districts that we need to go further and faster to clean up the air."

Ozone pollution occurs when hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, released when fossil fuels burn or chemicals evaporate, combine with

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Poll shows Schwarzenegger's job approval down

A recent poll shows 45 percent of likely voters approve of his job performance, while 47 percent disapprove

Tom Chorneau
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — For the first time since Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger took office, less than half of California's likely voters approve of the way he is doing his job, according to a new poll from the Public Policy Institute of California.

The findings released Thursday reflect a negative trend that began in January when the governor announced plans for a special election this year and proposed a series of controversial ballot measures.

The poll found voters are split over two of Schwarzenegger's three proposed initiatives, a majority support

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Fresno State students and faculty demonstrate against inadequate state funding for higher education.

House passes budget targeting Medicaid cuts

The 2.6 trillion budget instructs lawmakers to cut spending in many domestic programs

Mary Dalrymple
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House narrowly passed a \$2.6 trillion budget Thursday evening that would cut back the Medicaid health care program for the poor for the first time since 1997 in a step toward trimming federal deficits.

The 214 to 211 vote approved a blueprint that instructs lawmakers to freeze or cut spending in many domestic programs outside defense and homeland security and restrain farm, student loan, pension and some other government programs that grow automatically from year to year.

The Senate simultaneously debated the measure and moved toward a vote Thursday night.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said it's time to look

closely at benefit programs that are "popular but rife with waste."

"These entitlement programs deserve reform," he said. "The Medicaid system is antiquated and the quality of care is not being brought to the people that need it."

Democrats blasted the planned cuts and expressed doubt that the budget's projections of shrinking deficits would happen.

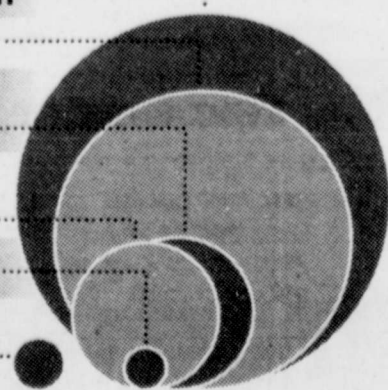
"This budget is an assault on our

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Budget blueprint

Elements of the spending plan drafted by both chambers of Congress for fiscal 2006, which includes a deficit of \$382.7 billion:

Total spending	\$2.56 trillion
Mandatory spending	\$1.6 trillion
Department of Defense	\$419.5 billion
All other discretionary spending	\$391.1 billion
Homeland Security	\$32.5 billion
Supplemental for global war on terror	\$50 billion



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mechanical engineering from Brown University in 1970.

Durgin presently serves on six different committees. He is part of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering. Durgin has more than 90 publications in different journals. He was also co-founder of the Center for Educational Development and Technology Assessment at Worcester. He said he has a vision for taking new directions and encouraging women and minorities to go into technological fields.

"My administration style is one of collaboration and empowerment coupled with decisive decision making," Durgin said in a statement.

Schach is the Dean of the College of Architecture, arts and humanities, at Clemson University. She received

her Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada in 1981.

Schach is part of the American Society of Landscape Architects and received the president's medal from them in 2002. She has helped her college to receive more than \$26 million in gifts. She also played a part in expanding the study abroad programs. Schach is currently the Vice President for Education and on the Board of Directors for the Landscape Architecture Foundation.

"My leadership style can be described as visionary, creative, entrepreneurial, energetic, straightforward, decisive, consistent, respectful and consultative," Schach said in a statement.

The open forums will be held in University Union, room 220. Durgin will be on campus May 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. Schach's forum will be held May 9 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Pollution

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heat and sunlight.

Holmes-Gen along with other clean-air advocacy groups hope the upgraded California standard will influence new ozone standards that currently under debate at the federal level.

California is the only state that has its own air pollution standards; other states can choose to follow the federal standards or California's standards, said Sonya Lunder, spokeswoman for the watchdog Environmental Working Group.

The new standard under consideration Thursday by the state Air Resources Board calls for an average ozone level that doesn't exceed .070 parts per million over an eight-hour period. The federal eight-hour standard is .080 parts per million.

Seventy percent of California counties didn't meet the federal eight-hour standard between 2000-2003, said Lunder, and an estimated 92 percent of counties would fail the state standard, if implemented.

The Environmental Protection Agency can withhold federal transportation funds from states that don't meet their ozone standards. California doesn't have any sanction authority for its regulations.

Most states have until at least 2012 to fully comply with the federal standard, Lunder said.

A coalition of groups representing the interests of the automobile and technology industries have united to oppose the new state guideline. The alliance includes the California Chamber of Commerce, which says the new standard would hurt the economy.

Bruce Magnani, the chamber's legislative advocate, said the proposed standard is so restrictive it approaches limiting the amount of ozone pollution to what occurs naturally in the air — .040 parts per million.

"I think it could only have negative impacts on the economy, because it's so strict. No one knows how they're going to implement this," Magnani said. "Just what level of regulation is necessary?"

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his plan to make it harder for public school teachers to gain tenure but a similar number oppose his proposed restrictions on the state budget.

Schwarzenegger is on the down side of a major statewide poll for the first time: 47 percent of likely voters surveyed by the Public Policy Institute disapprove of his job performance, while 45 percent approve, and 8 percent are undecided. In January, the poll found 60 percent approval for the governor and 33 percent disapproval.

While the numbers indicate growing disenchantment with Schwarzenegger, the poll's author said a lot could change in the coming weeks. Two big events could give Schwarzenegger a chance to clarify his goals for the state, the release of his revised budget plan expected in mid-May and his pending decision on whether or not to hold the November special election.

"We're seeing now several months of growing doubts about the gover-

nor's leadership," said poll director Mark Baldassare. "It's been a period in which the governor has not been able to get his message out as effectively as some of his opponents."

After enjoying enormous popularity during most of his first year in office, Schwarzenegger's standing has slipped since he proposed the special election, which is opposed by Democrats and their primary supporters in the labor movement.

Public employees unions, including nurses, firefighters and police groups, have come out strongly against his spending cap; while the state's powerful teacher's union is equally opposed to the tenure plan. The governor's third proposal, which would give the authority for drawing legislative districts to retired judges, is attracting opposition from the labor groups as well as the state's majority party, the Democrats.

Reed Dickens, spokesman for Citizens to Save California, a committee organized by Schwarzenegger supporters to back his initiatives, said the poll results showed the influence of big spending by the unions on a statewide media blitz criticizing the

governor and his ideas.

"This is very early and we are being out spent in a major way," he said, estimating unions are spending \$3 million a week on TV and radio ads.

Baldassare said that Schwarzenegger has proved in the past to be capable of changing voter sentiments, but the challenge now will be much harder now.

The slide shown in the new poll is similar to that measured in the Field Poll over recent months: In September, the Field Poll measured approval for the governor at 65 percent with disapproval at 22 percent. In February, the survey found 54 percent of voters favor his job performance with 35 percent disapproving and 11 percent had no opinion.

The new Public Policy poll found 55 percent of likely voters supported the governor's ballot measure to lengthen the time it takes teachers to gain tenure. The poll found, however, that 44 percent support Schwarzenegger's measure to impose a cap on state spending.

The governor's redistricting measure was not part of the poll.

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values," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "This budget we are passing today will pass mountains of debt onto our children and grandchildren."

The budget would shave automatically increasing benefit programs by \$35 billion over five years while also cutting taxes by as much as \$106 billion over the same period.

Medicaid, the federal-state health program for needy and disabled Americans, gets marked for the single biggest change, a \$10 billion reduction over four years. The changes in Medicaid wouldn't begin until 2007, giving a specially convened commission and the nation's governors time to recommend cost-saving proposals.

Without any change, the

Congressional Budget Office expects the government to spend \$191 billion on Medicaid next year and more than \$1.1 trillion over the five years covered by the budget.

"We are confronting a massive problem, a fiscal problem as a nation, and the effects of this problem is that somebody is going to have to pay this bill," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., who held Republican leaders in protracted negotiations over the size of Medicaid reductions, announced his support for the plan.

"Those who care about Medicaid, those who are served by Medicaid, be engaged and know that my office, my heart, my mind are open to you to do this right and not just to do this fast," Smith said.

Smith said he's working with the

White House to assemble a commission through the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. The advisory panel would recommend one round of changes by Sept. 1 and issue a final report for comprehensive restructuring in December 2006.

The budget could also pave the way for opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. In past years, the drilling authorization has died in the Senate because of a filibuster threat. The budget resolution protects future bills from filibuster, giving lawmakers an opening to authorize drilling without that obstruction.

The budget sketches out plans and priorities for spending \$2.6 trillion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, projecting a federal deficit of \$383 billion. Lawmakers use the blueprint to pass specific tax and spending legislation later in the year.

It aims toward bringing federal budget deficits down to \$211 billion by 2010. The president asked Congress to cut the deficit in half over five years.

In addition to planned reductions in projected Medicaid spending, it directs lawmakers to cut about \$3 billion from agriculture programs and as much as \$6.6 billion from federal pension programs, including higher fees paid by employers.

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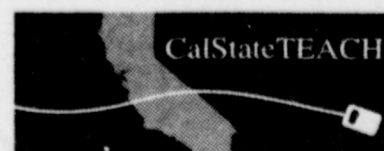
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STATE NEWS

SANTA MARIA — The mother of two of Michael Jackson's children took the stand in his molestation trial again Thursday and depicted the pop star as a victim of a cabal of "opportunistic vultures" in his inner circle who sought to make millions from his troubles and hurt him.

Deborah Rowe, completing testimony that turned the tables on

the prosecutors who called her, said a group of men now named as unindicted co-conspirators with Jackson were actually conspiring against her ex-husband.

She said they recruited her to make a video praising Jackson, then sold it for millions and kept the money. She said the organizer of the video, Marc Schaffel, bragged to her about how much money he was making off Jackson.

SAN FRANCISCO —

Attorney General Bill Lockyer dropped plans to run for governor Thursday and said he would instead run for state treasurer, citing a wish to avoid the character attacks and money chase required to take on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Lockyer said he was confident he could have won the Democratic nomination for governor and was eager to see Schwarzenegger defeated. But he said he had little appetite for a nasty campaign and the partisan nature of the governor's job.

SACRAMENTO — The top FBI agent in Eastern California is leaving to run the bureau's training facility in Virginia, marking the fourth departure from the post since 2001.

Keith Slotter, the special agent in charge of the Sacramento headquarters that covers territory from the Oregon border to Bakersfield, was promoted to deputy assistant director and will run the bureau's Quantico, Va., training facility.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

SLIDELL, La. — A man suspected of shoplifting at a supermarket tried to elude police by climbing above the store's false ceiling and scrambling about — before depositing himself in an open meat case where a police dog latched onto his leg.

Employees were closing the Winn-Dixie about 1 a.m. Wednesday when they noticed the last customer, who had picked up several items, leaving empty handed. When the employees asked him about the items, the man attempted to go through the door, but it had been locked.

The suspect was taken to the store office to wait for police, but climbed into a crawl space before officers arrived, said police Capt. Rob Callahan. Police surrounded the store, and monitored the man as he scrambled above them. At one point, he smashed through a plaster-board wall and was about to jump down into a rear storage room, but turned back when police entered the room, Callahan said.

Callahan credited the police dog with staying focused on his job when the man fell into the meat, leapt to his feet and started running in the case, stepping on the meat as he went.

"With all those steaks and hamburgers and hot dogs, that dog must have felt like he was in canine heaven," he said. "But he did what he was trained to do and clamped down on the suspect's right leg instead of a mouthwatering T-bone."

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

DULUTH, Ga. — A 32-year-old bride-to-be vanished just days before her wedding, and more than 100 volunteers joined police Thursday in an all-out search of her wooded suburban neighborhood. Authorities said they were considering the case of Jennifer Wilbanks a criminal investigation.

WASHINGTON — Top con-

gressional Republicans reported agreement Thursday on a budget that envisions \$10 billion in Medicaid reductions over the next five years and at least \$70 billion in tax cuts. The plan could also open the way to oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

WASHINGTON — With a showdown looming, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist refused to budge Thursday on his demand

that Democrats forgo filibusters against all of President Bush's past or present nominees to federal appellate court benches or the Supreme Court.

"Throughout this debate, we have held firm to a simple principle, judicial nominees deserve up-or-down votes," Frist said.

WASHINGTON — President Bush sought to ease skepticism about his handling of energy problems and Social Security with a

speech to the nation followed by a rare, prime-time news conference Thursday night.

The White House said Bush would offer specific ideas about how to make Social Security permanently sound — a step he has refused to take so far. Democrats demanded anew that Bush drop his prized proposal to create private investment accounts for younger workers.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim National Assembly approved a Cabinet lineup on Thursday after nearly three months of political wrangling, laying the groundwork for the first elected government since Saddam Hussein's ouster to take power soon.

However, two key posts in the 37-member Cabinet — defense and oil — remained disputed and

the list failed to incorporate in a meaningful way the Sunni Arab minority due to a dispute over the suitability of Baathists who served in Saddam's regime.

ROME — Premier Silvio Berlusconi's new government won approval from the Italian Senate on Thursday, ending a government crisis that followed an embarrassing defeat in regional elections.

The confidence vote in the Senate — won 170-117 by the

premier's conservative coalition — was the last hurdle before the new Cabinet was fully empowered. It came after Berlusconi briefly resigned to reshuffle his government last week in a bid to end bickering among his allies. Berlusconi vowed to carry out an economic platform that includes tax cuts for businesses and a new push to lift Italy's poorer south.

JERUSALEM — Russian President Vladimir Putin faced

down Israeli criticism Thursday, his second day of his historic visit to Israel, saying Russia's planned sale of anti-aircraft missiles to Syria and supply of nuclear components to Iran does not threaten Israel's security.

Putin urged Iran to do more to show the world that it's not trying to build a nuclear weapon. He also pledged to tackle the growing problem of anti-Semitism in his country.

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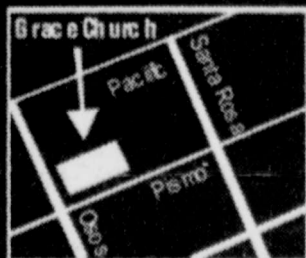
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Study: Dangers of obesity have been stretched

Overweight Americans are healthier than ever, thanks to better maintenance of blood pressure and cholesterol levels

Carla Johnson
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CHICAGO — Being overweight is nowhere near as big a killer as the government thought, ranking No. 7 instead of No. 2 among the nation's leading preventable causes of death, according to a startling new calculation from the CDC.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated Tuesday that packing on too many pounds accounts for 25,814 deaths a year in the United States. As recently as January, the CDC came up with an estimate 14 times higher: 365,000 deaths.

The new analysis found that obesity — being extremely overweight — is indisputably lethal. But like several recent smaller studies, it found that people who are modestly overweight actually have a lower risk of death than those of normal weight.

Biostatistician Mary Grace Kovar, a consultant for the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center in Washington, said "normal" may be set too low for today's population. Also, Americans classified as overweight are eating better, exercising more and managing their blood pressure better than they used to, she said.

The study — an analysis of mortality rates and body-mass index, or BMI — was published in Wednesday's

Journal of the American Medical Association.

Last year, a CDC study listed the leading causes of preventable death in order as tobacco; poor diet and inactivity, leading to excess weight; alcohol; germs; toxins and pollutants; car crashes; guns; risky sexual behavior; and illicit drugs.

Using the new estimate, excess weight would drop behind car crashes and guns to seventh place — a ranking the CDC is unwilling to make official, underscoring the controversy inside the agency over how to calculate the health effects of obesity.

Last year, the CDC issued a study that attributed 400,000 deaths a year to mostly weight-related causes and said excess weight would soon overtake tobacco as the top U.S. killer.

After scientists inside and outside the agency questioned the figure, the CDC admitted making a calculation error and lowered its estimate three months ago to 365,000.

The new study attributes 111,909 deaths to obesity, but then subtracts the benefits of being modestly overweight, and arrives at the 25,814 figure.

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said because of the uncertainty in calculating the health effects of being overweight, the

CDC is not going to use the new figure of 25,814 in its public awareness campaigns. And it is not going to scale back its fight against obesity.

"There's absolutely no question that obesity is a major public health concern of this country," she said. Gerberding said the CDC will work to improve methods for calculating the consequences of obesity.

CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said the agency will probably start using a range of estimates for obesity-linked deaths.

Dr. JoAnn Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said she is not convinced the new estimate is right.

"I think it's likely there has been a weakening of the mortality effect due

to improved treatments for obesity," she said. "But I think this magnitude is surprising and requires corroboration."

The analysis was led by Katherine Flegal, a senior

research scientist with the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. The study that had to be corrected was conducted by a different arm of the CDC, the Division of Adult and Community Health, and its authors included Gerberding.

"I think it's likely there has been a weakening of the mortality effect due to improved treatments for obesity."

— DR. JOANN MANSON
chief of preventive medicine

Obesity may cause dementia

Emma Ross
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The most convincing research so far suggests that being fat in your 40s might raise your risk of developing dementia later in life.

In a study that followed more than 10,000 Californians for almost 30 years, researchers found that the fatter people were, the greater their risk for Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The results were published online Friday by the British Medical Journal.

"This adds another major reason for concern about the obesity problem and it now unfolds yet another area," said Philip James, an obesity expert who was not connected with the research and who heads the International Obesity Task Force.

The study data showed that roughly 7 out of 100 normal-weight people developed dementia. Among overweight people, the risk was almost 8 out of 100; and for obese people, it was 9 out of 100.

Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control said a new analysis showed that being too fat caused far fewer deaths than previous government estimates. The announcement led to attacks by critics and restaurant-funded groups who say the threat of fat has been hyped by the U.S. officials.

Funded by the U.S. National

Institutes of Health, the California study was conducted by the Kaiser Permanente Medical Foundation. The project followed 10,276 people, in their early to mid-40s, for an average of 27 years. They had detailed health checkups from the mid-1960s to early 1970s.

Between 1994 and 2003, dementia was diagnosed in 713, or about 7 percent, of the study volunteers. The scientists examined links between dementia and obesity using two different measurements — body-mass index and the thickness of skin folds under the shoulder blades and under the arm.

Between 1994 and 2003, dementia was diagnosed in 713, or about 7 percent, of study volunteers.

The study found a higher risk of dementia for heavy people. Using the body-mass index, which measures height and weight to classify how fat people are, obese people were 74 percent more likely to develop mind-robbing dementia than normal weight people.

The effect was more profound for women than men. Obese women were twice as likely as women of normal weight to develop Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia, while for men the risk increased by 30 percent.

James suggested a dietary lack of the right kinds of fatty acids, such as those found in fish, might also be a factor.

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Peter Schickele brings his unique combination of classical music and comedy to the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

SLO symphony a barrel of laughs

Emily Rancer
MUSTANG DAILY

Four-time Grammy winner, Peter Schickele has spent 40 years infusing comedy and satire into musical performances, using his fabled alter ego P.D.Q. Bach.

Comedic musician Schickele will join the San Luis Obispo Symphony and San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Christopher Cohan Center to perform "P.D.Q. Bach — the Vegas Years."

"He's always had this sideline of music satire with P.D.Q. Bach and that's always fascinated me," Cal Poly Arts Director Ralph Hoskins said.

"That combination of artistic ability and show business savvy exists in one person: Peter Schickele."

Schickele describes the P.D.Q. Bach character in his official biography as the "last and the least of the great Johann Sebastian Bach's twenty-odd children, and he was certainly the oddest."

The program will include such works as P.D.Q. Bach's "Cantata No. 11, 532.9: 'Gott sei dank, dab heute Freitag ist, S. 5,' which translates to 'Thank God it's Friday.'"

The performance will also feature Schickele's "Swing, Sweet, Low Chariot," "Songs from Shakespeare" and "If Love is Real."

Schickele has composed more than 100 pieces for symphony orchestras, choral groups, chamber ensembles, movies and television. He

is also the 13-year host of Public Radio International's award-winning syndicated weekly radio program "Schickele Mix."

Schickele has performed with more than 50 orchestras around the world, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra and more.

"If you momentarily ignore his humor and just take his compositions that are not part of his P.D.Q. Bach persona, they're just really great compositions," said music professor Craig Russell. "So I'm excited not just because of his hysterical humor,

but as a serious composer, he's at the top of the stack."

The San Luis Obispo Symphony and Vocal Arts Ensemble have been practicing for several weeks in preparation

for the performance.

Schickele will also conduct a lecture demonstration with several of Cal Poly's music classes today.

"The cool thing about Peter Schickele is that I don't know what he's going to say," Russell said. "That's what's so fun about him."

Tickets will cost between \$25 and \$35 for students and can be purchased at the Performing Arts ticket office. However, tickets for students are only \$5 one hour before the show.

Tickets will range from \$32 to \$44 for regular admission. For more information go to www.pacslo.org.

Mmmmm ... episode 350

Lynn Elber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — When a show reaches an impressive 350 episodes, it's fair to reflect on its mortality. So how long can "The Simpsons," which hits the milestone Sunday, keep going?

"I don't see any end in sight," creator and executive producer Matt Groening told The Associated Press.

Those are reassuring words for the millions of fans who have remained loyal to the Simpson family through 16 seasons, and counting. Writers are already at work on episodes for 2005-06, the 17th season.

The key to its longevity is simple, Groening said: "We try to keep surprising the audience. That's what you're looking for in television, surprise."

As long as the show can meet that burden, "we'll keep going."

Executive producer Al Jean, who has been with the animated comedy since it was spun off Tracey Ullman's variety show in 1989, muses about other aspects of the equation.

With the ensemble cast signed through the next three seasons, "I would consider it highly likely we will do those seasons," Jean said. He added that he hopes they find the work rewarding enough to continue.

The series features the voices of Dan Castellaneta and Julie Kavner as parents Homer and Marge Simpson; Nancy Cartwright as son Bart, and Yeardley Smith as daughter Lisa.

Castellaneta and Kavner also voice a number of different characters, as do cast members including Harry Shearer (Mr. Burns and Ned Flanders among them) and Hank Azaria (police Chief Wiggum, Moe and others).

The future also depends on the continued profitability of the brand that has brought an estimated \$1 billion-plus to Fox and parent company News Corp. through the TV show, DVDs and a vast array of other goods.

Although ratings are not stellar compared to top shows like Fox's own "American Idol," "The Simpsons" has held steady with just under 10 million weekly viewers for several years and remains Fox's Sunday bulwark.

It's a creative mainstay as well, say Groening and Jean.



"I'm particularly proud of our recent episodes. I think they're as sharp and surprising as anything we've

done since the beginning of the show," Groening said.

(He concedes that some fans carp the new episodes are inferior to old ones; being measured against a fond

memory is a standard problem for comedies, Groening argues.)

"Nothing lasts forever," Jean said. "But I do think this past year, in my view, is one of the best we've had in a long time."

For those who contend the show's satirical boldness has ebbed, Jean notes it has tackled the subject of gay marriage and points to a future episode that will make hay out of assisted suicide.

"The Simpsons" has been able to turn any number of subjects into comic fodder with scant interference from the network, virtually unheard of in television.

Groening attributes the freedom to the clout of executive producer James L. Brooks, a TV and movie heavyweight whose credits include "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Taxi" and "Terms of Endearment."

On Sunday's 350th episode (8 p.m. EDT), Ray Romano is heard as the voice of Homer's new best friend, a roofer. But there's a mystery behind the character that Jean compares to the film "A Beautiful Mind."

In a bonanza for viewers Fox is running two new "Simpsons" episodes back-to-back for the next three weeks. In Sunday's second episode (8:30 p.m. EDT), an ailing Bart has to attend a fitness camp, with Albert Brooks voicing one of the instructors.

Although "The Simpsons" has logged the most seasons of any TV sitcom, it has yet to match the episode count of two others: "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet," which holds the record at 435 episodes, and "My Three Sons" with 380.

A wry Groening said he has set his own dream goal.

"I want to get to 366 so we have one for every day of the year, including leap year."

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Food pyramid shifts guidelines

Last week, the USDA unveiled its new, much anticipated food guidance system to replace the previous Food Guide Pyramid — and it's about time.

The USDA also recently announced that 65 percent of American adults are overweight, and half of them are obese. In the past 20 years, childhood obesity rates rose from 7 percent to nearly 15 percent. Americans are now fatter than ever.

Armed with this information, in addition to the recent release of the 2005 dietary guidelines, the USDA set to work recreating the pyramid that hasn't managed to keep America's waistline trim.

They came up with "My Pyramid," a personalized approach to healthy eating based on the principles of daily physical activity: moderation, variety and proportionality.

The major change of the new guidance system is the creators have done away with ambiguous serving sizes, and replaced them with exact ounces and cup-size portions of the foods you should be eating based on your age, sex and activity level.

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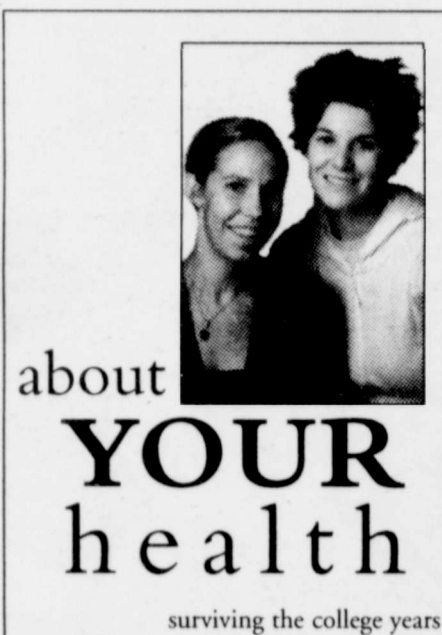
- **Grains** — Half of the grains ought to be whole. Choose items with the word "whole" in the ingredient list, such as whole oats or whole wheat. Brown rice, wild rice, oatmeal and whole grain corn are great examples of whole grains. Don't be fooled by the brown color of some wheat bread, it's usually just molasses or an additive unless the package specifies "whole."
- **Vegetables** — Vary the veggies. Eat more dark green leafy vegetables like broccoli and spinach. Include lots of orange vegetables such as carrots and sweet potatoes, and eat more dried beans and peas like kidney beans, pinto beans and lentils.
- **Fruits** — Focus on fruits. Eat a wide variety of fresh, canned and dried fruits every day. But lay off the fruit juices because they contain a lot of added sugar.
- **Milk** — Get your calcium. Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products and aim for three cups of calcium-rich foods everyday. If you can't consume dairy, look for calcium-fortified soy or lactose-free products.
- **Meats and beans** — Go lean with protein. Sorry beef-eaters, lean meat is back in, but only in moderation. Choose cuts of meat that contain "loin" or "round" in the name because they are the most lean, but opt for leaner meats and fish most of the time. Try other meat substitutes such as beans, tofu, nuts or seeds once a week.
- **Discretionary calories** — Know your limits on fats, sugars and salt. Read nutrition facts labels to keep saturated fats, trans fats and sodium in check.
- **Physical activity** — Be active every day. Aim for 30 minutes of activity most days of the week, or 60 to 90 minutes to sustain weight loss. Lace up your walking shoes, couch potatoes.

Now that you know all the basics of the new food guide pyramid, visit www.mypyramid.gov to personalize your diet based on your age, sex and activity level. The results may be very surprising.

Stacy West and Jane Wilson are nutrition seniors and members of the Peer Health Nutrition Team. Contact them at 756-6181.

COMING MONDAY

From Right Field with Mustang Daily columnist Matt Bushman



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is there so much hatred, judgment of gay people?

In response to Aaron Rozeboom's letter, "There's no such thing as a world in which gay is straight." I retort with a simple question: What is it with the hatred?

Why do you and so many others in our country today, including the current presidential administration, feel the need to judge and condemn others? Who gave you the right, and even if you had the right, why do you care so much? Are you and those with feelings like you that afraid of homosexuals? What is there to fear? What do people with a different lifestyle than that of your own do that harms you so much? Do you live in fear that someone who is gay will come out of the shadows and rape you? I guess if that is your true reason, then I can understand why you feel the need to judge and condemn them.

If that is the case, then continue on with your blind blanket of hate. We all know you have plenty of people behind you. Personally, I am not going to pass judgement on someone I don't even know.

Chris Couevas

Industrial engineering senior

Middlestadt will get the job done if elected ASI president

The next ASI president should be someone we trust with the future of our school. They should have the knowledge and the know how to run this school effectively. They should advocate for the best interest of all and not just a select few.

The next ASI president should be a hard worker, committed to the needs and desires of the everyday student. They should be aware of the issues concerning all students and be sensitive to their needs.

The next ASI president should lead by example, setting the standard for all students to follow. They

should have an open mind, putting their personal interests aside to implement the will of majority while respecting the voice of the minority. They should work hard at making this campus a safe and open place for all to express their views and ideas.

The next ASI president needs to work on outreach and narrow the widening gap between ASI the "corporation" and ASI the "student representative." They should work on accessibility for clubs to get the needed funds in order to operate.

The next ASI president should be the voice of the students, they should be someone we admire, respect and know will get the job done.

Simply put, ladies and gentlemen, the next ASI president should be Tylor Middlestadt.

Greg Gonzalez

Agriculture science junior

People make the choice when they have sex

In response to Tammie Nelson's letter "Women should have choice on abortion, pregnancy."

There is one choice that women undeniably have: the choice to have sex in the first place (that is in consideration to the women who have been raped or molested). At this day and age people know the consequences of being sexually active, and one of the most obvious consequences is pregnancy. We are not living in the 1950s when people were not supposed to openly talk about the subject.

So before worrying about having the choice to have an abortion, why don't women, and men for that matter, stop and consider making the most obvious and noncontroversial choice? I'm not saying don't have sex. I am just saying to take into consideration the ramifications of what you are doing.

Matthew Downing

Social science freshman

Abortion: A form of salvation for sinning embryos

Do embryos have rights? As a sphere it is hard to determine right from left, but the problem isn't

whether or not they have rights. The real problem is that they live in sin.

God strictly forbids sex changes and quasi-middle sexness. Embryos start as the quasi-middle sex and then change into a new sex. The Bible is strictly against this type of thing, and the Bible goes further to explain how living in sin does bad stuff, like make you homosexual.

Homosexuality is a scourge of our species that can be traced back to this early "second sin." If we could purify the young ones early enough, the problem will fix itself. We baptize babies, but this has proven to be too late. Sometimes babies are so gay that the holy water evaporates on contact.

In order to strike at the root of the problem, why not inject the baptismal fluid straight into the womb? If you're against this idea, then you're not Christian, which means you don't believe in their rights anyways.

If we can purify that sucker mid sin we could save it from dubious paths, and probably get it to accept Christ. If we can't get it to accept Christ then maybe it was better off not existing than going to hell. That's why we must still allow abortion/preemptive mercy killing, God's gift to the damned.

Morgan Elam

General engineering senior

Pleasantly surprised that ASI fees, utilities referenda failed

I was both pleasantly surprised and annoyed by the story reporting that the fee referenda did not pass. I was pleasantly surprised that they did not pass. Thank you to all the students who finally saw through all the nonsense that ASI has been feeding us and voted "no" on the referenda. Despite what ASI says, future generations will thank you for this.

I was annoyed by President Blake Bolton's comments. Apparently he thinks that we were all too confused about the issues to vote correctly. Let me make something very clear, President Bolton: No one was confused about the issues. We all saw them for what they were and voted according to our priorities.

Perhaps the people who are confused are those running ASI. I would encourage the ASI leadership to re-examine what they think student priorities are and how they arrived at those conclusions. (Here's a hint: Surveys written so that they only achieve the perspective that you want are not a good way to make objective judgements.)

Maybe ASI needs to refocus on things that students really want.

Joshua Erquiga

Business senior

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Flashback

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"It was a wonderful and amazing experience playing on the Olympic team," Aughinbaugh said. "We got to travel all over the world and played against the best teams in the world."

Aughinbaugh would stay with the Olympic team through 1986 and then in 1987 her life took another turn. Her lifelong plan to become a lawyer again got sidetracked after the New York Liberties of Major League Volleyball drafted her, in 1987. She would stay with the team until the league folded in 1988.

And she enjoyed every minute of her time there.

"It was a blast," Aughinbaugh said "I had the time of my life. The money wasn't great, but we got to work all day and have fun at night. I took a semester off to do it from school and it was well worth it."

"The league was great there just wasn't enough support. When it folded a lot of the players went to beach volleyball and that is something I thought about doing, but I didn't want to give up that goal of being a lawyer. I am very glad I stuck to law school."

She graduated in 1988 from San Diego and came back to San Luis Obispo to work for the firm she had interned with while she had been an undergraduate at Cal Poly. Eventually she would branch out and start her own firm, which currently resides in Santa Maria.

Aughinbaugh was happy to get the chance to come back to the Central Coast and make a living here.

"Absolutely I wanted to come back here and work," Aughinbaugh said.

Her greatest achievement though may have come in 1988 when she was inducted into the Cal Poly Hall of Fame.

"It was very cool," Aughinbaugh said "It was a huge honor and now that I serve on the committee that elects the new inductees it is more special. I was astounded but even more I was honored. On the committee I really enjoy serving on it and looking back at the careers of so many athletes and seeing what they have done since they left Cal Poly."

Bertoni

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finish in its five-year history — will be enough for a spot in the NCAA West Regional.

Bertoni's already qualified for the Regional, his third straight, which will be held May 19-21 at the Stanford Golf Course. The Paso Robles High School graduate shot rounds of 66 and 71 Monday. He finished the 54-hole tournament with 17 birdies en route to his third victory of the year and his eighth career win.

Mustang junior Casey Strohsahl shot a 69 Tuesday, one off his career best, en route to a one-under-par 215 total and a seventh-place finish. Strohsahl, who shot a first-round 76, carded an eagle on his way to a 70 in Tuesday's second round.

Freshman J.J. Scurich finished just behind, jumping from 18th place with a 68, matching his career best accomplished twice before. He had opened with rounds of 73 and 75. Scurich also won the Western Intercollegiate earlier this month and finished second the following week in the Bite/Pacific Coast Intercollegiate.

Bertoni and Scurich, honored as Big West Freshman of the Year, both were named to the all-conference first team.

Also scoring for Cal Poly were sophomore Brycen Wagner with a 74 Tuesday for a 223 total and a 26th-place tie and freshman Colin Peck with a final-round 78 for a 231 total and a tie for 37th place.

Michael Feuerstein of UC Santa Barbara shot a 71 Tuesday and finished third with a 212 total, followed by Spencer Paschall of UC Riverside and Brett Lederer of Long Beach State, who shared fourth place with 213 totals.

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Track

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The Poly team hopes for two victories over Sac State and Fresno state. This will not be an easy challenge for the Mustangs.

All four teams show opportunity for success.

"This is sort of a preview of the Big West Championships with Santa Barbara and Northridge being here," Crawford said.

The team does have a level of excitement with this match being at home.

"They feel like that track is their playground and that they are in their best comfort level on that track," Crawford said.

Assistant Coach, Sheldon Blockburger, agrees with Coach Crawford's judgment of the competition.

"We should be two and two," said Blockburger. "Northridge and Santa Barbara are two good teams in our conference, two other good teams are Idaho and Utah State, they obviously won't be there, but we are among the top five teams."

Blockburger believes there won't

be a great advantage with the event being held on home turf.

"A track lane is a track lane; there really is no advantage there. We just have the advantage of waking up in our own beds instead of driving and showing up in a bus."

This weekend's meet can be seen as an assessment on how the rest of the season will hold for the Mustangs.

"For the men and women, this should be a good test for how our team will shape up for conference meet and that's why we set it up like this," Crawford said.

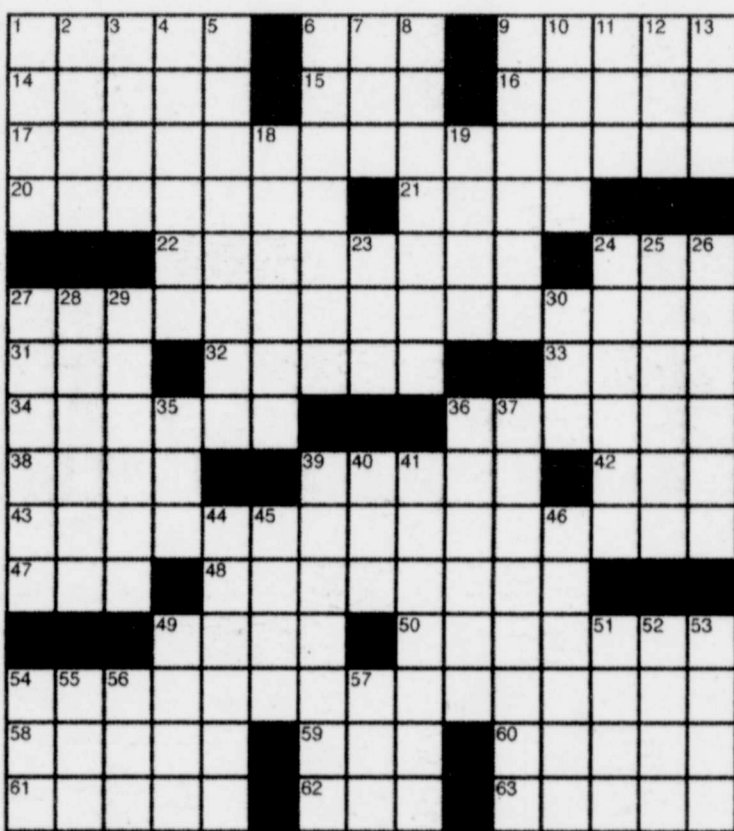
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Track and field is back at home



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The Mustangs will get one final chance to impress the home crowd when Northridge, UCSB, Sac State and Fresno State come to Cal Poly.

Cory Harris
MUSTANG DAILY

For the last time this year, Cal Poly students will get a chance to watch track and field on campus as the Mustangs host the five-way meet starting Saturday.

This will be Cal Poly's second and final event held at home. The team will be facing tough competition in Cal State Northridge, UC Santa Barbara, Sacramento State and Fresno State.

The biggest hurdle for the team is against reigning Big West conference champions Cal State Northridge Matadors.

"We are hopeful that we will be competitive," track and field coach Terry Crawford said. "We will be excited if we break even out of the four teams. Northridge probably comes in as the strongest team in the meet for the men with depth across the board."

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Bertoni takes Big West Championship, team second

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Once again, Travis Bertoni is the Big West Conference Golfer of the Year, but he took a different route to the honor this time.

On Tuesday at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club, the junior won his first individual Big West championship, after taking fifth as a freshman and sixth as a sophomore. On the same day, Cal Poly claimed second place in the nine-team Big West Championship, two years after the Mustangs tied for second.

Bertoni won by shooting a final round of 70, finishing, overall, with



Travis Bertoni

a nine-under-par 207, two strokes ahead of Brandon Hillpot of UC Riverside. In general, the Mustangs had a stellar final day, making up for a previous day collapse.

Cal Poly had fallen 14 strokes behind UC Riverside following the second round of play, after finishing first on the initial day of play. Still, the Mustangs shaved six strokes off Riverside's second-round lead, with their best round of the tournament, a 281.

It wasn't enough to grab the Highlanders, who finished with a 12-under-par 852 total, but the Mustangs' total of 860 gave them a safe cushion over Idaho and UC Irvine, who shared third place with 875 totals.

Cal Poly will learn early next week if the second-place conference finish — its highest conference

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From afterthought to the Hall

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Sandra Aughinbaugh's life has never gone exactly to script. But despite the twists her life has taken, Aughinbaugh always reached her goals and is right where she wanted to be.

Sandra Aughinbaugh, now Sandra

McBeth, is one of the most successful volleyball players in Cal Poly history, but she almost didn't play volleyball at Cal Poly.

Aughinbaugh grew up in Whittier and in high school played volleyball, basketball, and softball. She had played softball since she was nine, and besides volleyball, that was the only other sport she considered playing in college.

She hadn't even considered coming to Cal Poly and was leaning toward Colorado State, where she had already been accepted. But after visiting here with a friend, Aughinbaugh decided to come to Cal Poly.

During that first visit, she tried out for the volleyball team. All that got her was an invite to an open tryout she couldn't attend. Aughinbaugh came to Cal Poly not to play sports, but to study political sci-

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ence and go to law school.

All that would change though once she got to Cal Poly.

During her freshman year in 1980, Aughinbaugh was playing recreational volleyball with some friends from the dorm when one of the assistant volleyball coaches spotted her.

"I lived in the dorms and I spent a lot of time playing volleyball," Aughinbaugh said. "One of the assistant volleyball coaches spotted me and asked me to come and practice with them. I only practiced that year because the season was already under way, but by the time next season rolled around I was on the team."

While at Cal Poly Aughinbaugh received many national awards that highlighted just how successful she was while playing for the Mustangs. In 1982, she was a first team All-American selection and 1983 she was the U.S. Volleyball Association "Player of the Year." She would be a U.S.V.B.A. All-American selection in 1984 and 1985.

Her name is imprinted all over the record books as well. She is first overall in kills in a season with 630, she is fourth in career kills with 1,355, and she is sixth in service aces during a season with 100.

Upon graduating in 1984 Aughinbaugh decided to attend McGeorge Law School in Sacramento. Those plans were short lived though. In 1985 she was invited to play on the U.S. Olympic Team and she moved to San Diego to train with the team. While down there, she enrolled in the law program at the University of San Diego.

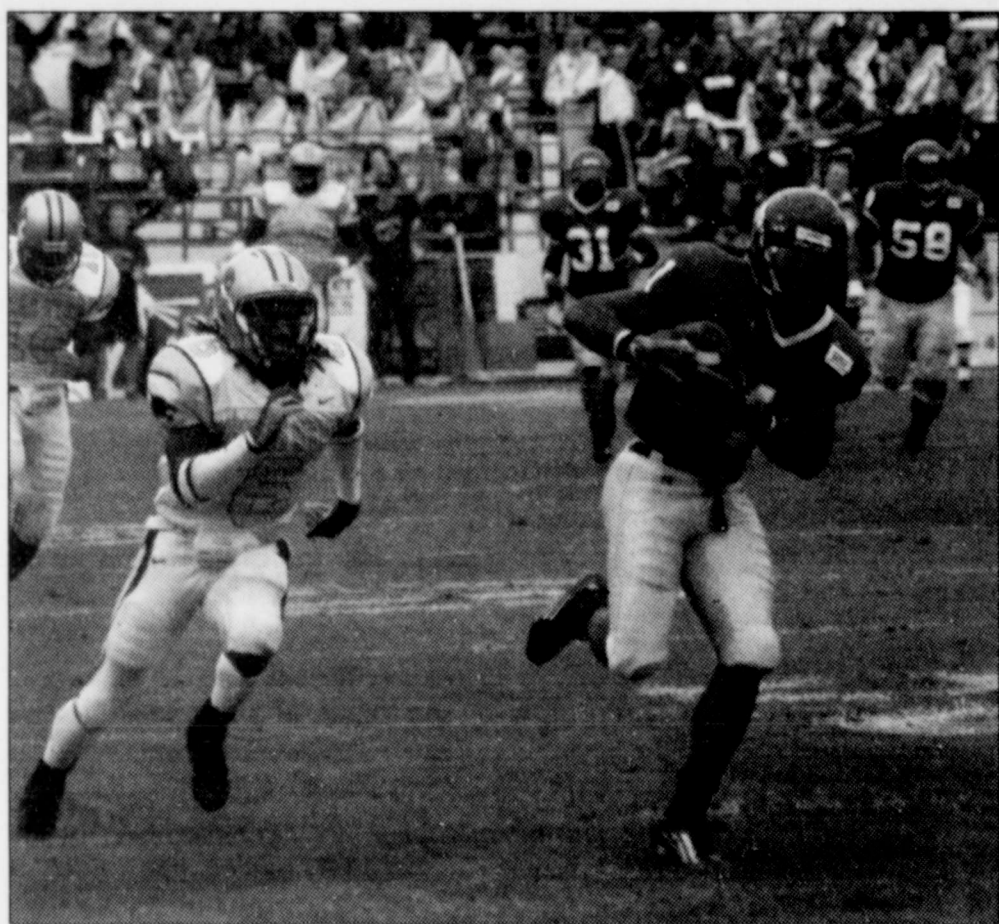
Her life took another turn that she had not expected, but Aughinbaugh was enjoying the ride.

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Sandra Aughinbaugh went into the Cal Poly Hall of Fame as arguably its best volleyball player ever. And to think she almost never came to Poly.



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The Mustangs will play a Div. I-A team for the third time in four years.

Football draws the big game against Troy

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Cal Poly announced the 2005 football schedule and for the third time in four years the team will open the season against a Division I-A team. On Sep. 3, the team will travel to Alabama to face Troy University.

"They've made a move recently into the upper echelon," Ellerson said. "They played in the bowl game last year, they knocked off Missouri in their opener. They are playing name brand people."

The Trojans are coming off their first bowl berth in school history and an overall finish of 7-5 in their league. Cal Poly hasn't faced a Division I-A team since 2003.

"They didn't play us so that we would come and beat them, but we think it's a more fair fight than they

do," Ellerson said. "We know it's an uphill fight but at the same time it's their opener. They graduated 14 starters a year ago. They are going to be a young team."

Originally the team was due to face Texas State in its opener.

"We owe them a game, but they don't want us to return it until 2007," Ellerson said. "We've got a reputation. We are starting to get that other reputation where people don't have to play us don't want to play us"

The team will return to Mustang Stadium for two home games against Sac State on Sep. 10 and Montana State the next week.

After two games on the road the team will host North Dakota State University on Oct. 8.

"I would argue a year ago that I thought North Dakota State was probably the best team we played,"

Ellerson said. "We were fortunate enough to win that one"

Montana State will also present a challenge for the Mustangs when they meet the Bobcats at home on Oct. 22.

"It's one of the more difficult places to play. With the crowds and the noise, you basically have to be prepared to run your offense without making any noise," Ellerson said.

Playing at Montana will have some advantages for the team said Ellerson.

"If we get ourselves into a playoff situation, which we expect to be in," Ellerson said, "Inevitably we'll have to go to Montana. So we have to be good at going there and playing there."

Overall the team will play six home games, two against Great West Conference teams.

In the future, coach Ellerson wants to add San Jose state and San Diego.